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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**- and -**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the Lead  
Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case  
No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11  
(Lead Case)  
(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF MARGARET A. PIETRASZ  
IN SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
AGREEMENTS ASSUMPTION MOTION**

Date: September 24, 2019  
Time: 9:30am (Pacific Time)  
Place: United States Bankruptcy Court  
Courtroom 17, 16th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Judge: Hon. Dennis Montali

**Objection Deadline:** September 10, 2019, 4pm (Pacific Time)

1 I, Margaret A. Pietrasz, pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code,  
2 hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge,  
3 information, and belief:

4 1. I am a Senior Attorney of the Law Department at Pacific Gas and Electric  
5 Company (the “**Utility**,” and together with PG&E Corporation, the “**Debtors**”). I was first employed by  
6 the Utility from about 1982 – 1987 and held a number of positions in the Utility, including as a manager  
7 in the Materials Department. I later joined the Utility’s Law Department in 2002. I am an active member  
8 in good standing of the State Bar of California. I hold a juris doctorate from Golden Gate University  
9 School of Law, a B.S. degree from Lehigh University, and a M.S. degree from Wayne State University.

10 2. I am authorized to submit this Declaration (this “**Declaration**”) on behalf of the  
11 Debtors in support of the *Fourth Omnibus Motion of Debtors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C § 365(a), Fed. R.*  
12 *Bankr. P. 6006, and B.L.R. 6006-1 for an Order (I) Approving Assumption of Environmental Agreements*  
13 *and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the “**Motion**”).<sup>1</sup> I am knowledgeable and familiar with the Debtors’  
14 day-to-day operations and, specifically, the Debtors’ investigation, remediation, and restoration  
15 activities relating to the Environmental Agreements.

16 3. Unless otherwise noted, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my  
17 personal knowledge, my review of relevant documents, and information provided to me by the Debtors’  
18 other employees or the Debtors’ legal, restructuring, and financial advisors. If called upon to testify, I  
19 would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration.

20 4. The Environmental Agreements collectively govern the terms by which the  
21 Debtors will perform certain investigation, remediation, and restoration obligations relating to specific  
22 tracts of land which the respective Owners own or on which they reside. Under the Environmental  
23 Agreements, the Debtors’ ongoing Agreement Obligations generally include, among other things:  
24 (i) routine or discrete investigation of the property for potential contaminants relating to prior utility  
25 facilities located on or near such property; (ii) if contaminants associated with the former utility facilities  
26 are located on the property, remediation activities to remove or otherwise remediate such contaminants

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28 <sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms  
in the Motion.

1 from the property to reduce the risk of possible future exposure to any such contaminants; and (iii) to  
2 the extent reasonably possible following either investigation or remediation, the restoration of the  
3 Owners' property to its prior condition before the investigation or remediation occurred. With oversight  
4 from the DTSC, the Debtors and their employees and contractors work in close conjunction with the  
5 Owners to determine the most appropriate scope of and timing for the Debtors' performance of the  
6 Agreement Obligations. The Environmental Agreements cover the period of time required to complete  
7 the applicable Agreement Obligations, subject to mutually agreed extensions of time as may be needed.

8           5. I understand that each of the Owners owns property that may have been or was  
9 affected by potential contaminants generated in the course of operations of former utility facilities  
10 located on or near such property. The Debtors entered into the Environmental Agreements with the  
11 Owners in an effort to determine whether such contaminants exist on the property, and if so, to remediate  
12 such property for the benefit of the Owners and the surrounding environment. The Environmental  
13 Agreements are typically accompanied by either an attached general memorandum of understanding or  
14 other scope of work, negotiated by the parties, whereby the respective Owner identifies specific  
15 investigation or remediation and restoration activities.

16           6. By way of example, the Investigation Agreements relate solely to the  
17 investigation of an Owner's land. Under the Investigation Agreements, the Debtors agree to take soil  
18 and soil vapor samples in different locations in an effort to identify which, if any, chemicals associated  
19 with past utility operations are present. If chemicals in sufficient quantities are determined to exist on  
20 the property, the Owner and the Debtors then agree to specific remediation and restoration activities the  
21 Debtors must perform. These specifics are generally set forth in a memorandum of understanding which  
22 ultimately is the basis of and attached to a Remediation Agreement.

23           7. In connection with the Debtors' Agreement Obligations, the Debtors may lease  
24 an Owner's property to facilitate its remediation and restoration obligations. The lease provides the  
25 Debtors access and use of the land to appropriately remediate and restore the property in exchange for  
26 monetary compensation to the Owner. In addition, in conjunction with entering into a Remediation  
27 Agreement, the Debtors may also enter into a settlement and release agreement with the Owner, whereby  
28 the Owner covenants not to pursue potential claims against the Debtors related to the presence,

1 investigation, or remediation of contaminants on their property associated with the former utility  
2 operations, so long as the Debtors agree to remediate and restore such property in accordance with the  
3 terms set forth in the applicable Remediation Agreement.

4           8.       The Environmental Agreements allow the Debtors to continue their investigation  
5 and remediation activities under the DTSC-approved remedial action plan and pursuant to its voluntary  
6 cleanup agreement, and avoid litigation with home owners. Accordingly, the Debtors seek to assume  
7 the Environmental Agreements set forth on **Exhibit B** attached to the Motion, which are made with the  
8 following Owners: (i) Dennis Caselli; (ii) Sam and Catherine Dorrance; (iii) Laura Hart; and (iv) Minh  
9 and Gurdon Merchant. Each agreement listed on **Exhibit B** includes the names of the applicable  
10 Owners, the title of the Environmental Agreement, the date of execution, and any prepetition Agreement  
11 Obligations owed to the applicable Owner that must be satisfied or cured for the Debtors to assume such  
12 agreement. I understand that each of the Owners have consented to the assumption of their respective  
13 Environmental Agreements by the applicable Debtors and the proposed cure amounts for each such  
14 agreement as set forth in Exhibit B.

15           9.       Under applicable California law, the Debtors generally must ensure that they  
16 investigate and remediate the properties covered by the Environmental Agreements. I therefore believe  
17 that the Debtors' failure to investigate or remediate the properties covered by the Environmental  
18 Agreements may expose the Debtors to potential liability and costly litigation. To avoid the uncertainty  
19 associated with the potential liability and litigation costs, and to assert orderly control over the  
20 investigation process, the Debtors took affirmative steps before the Petition Date to enter into the  
21 Environmental Agreements and perform their Agreement Obligations, which they have continued to  
22 perform on a post-petition basis. Accordingly, I believe that performance under the Environmental  
23 Agreements has served to reduce the Debtors' environmental cleanup obligations to foreseeable  
24 expectations, a benefit that I believe should be preserved through the relief sought in the Motion.

25           10.      The Debtors agreed with the DTSC to act in accordance with an approved  
26 remedial action plan. The remedial action plan was formally reviewed and approved by the DTSC and  
27 set forth the public plans by which the Debtors, with oversight from the DTSC, will investigate and  
28 remediate certain properties, including specifically those covered by the Environmental Agreements. I

1 believe that continued performance under the Environmental Agreements permits the Debtors to comply  
2 with the Debtors' obligations to the DTSC. Indeed, for similar reasons, the Debtors sought and received  
3 the relief in the Customer Programs Motion to continue funding amounts in respect of their  
4 environmental cleanup responsibilities. Among other things, that relief was intended to ensure  
5 compliance with California law and to permit the Debtors to continue working with the DTSC and other  
6 agencies on various environmental matters.

7 11. Finally, I believe that there are no existing defaults under the Environmental  
8 Agreements and, therefore, no outstanding cure obligations owed under the Environmental Agreements.

9 12. Accordingly, I believe the relief requested in the Motion should be approved as a  
10 sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and is in the best interests of their estates, creditors,  
11 shareholders, and all other parties in interest.

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1 Pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, I declare under the penalty  
2 of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief,  
3 and that this declaration was executed at San Mateo, California on August 16, 2019.

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8 /s/ Margaret A. Pietrasz  
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